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Baseball No. 1 Sport In Japan

College Championships Pull 65,000 Fans To Each Game

By YOSHI TSURUMI

TOKYO, Japan — What began in 1871 with students running around in kimonos catching balls barehanded on a stony field has today become Japan's No. 1 sport.

From that unusual start when baseball was considered simply an outdoor exercise, the game has grown steadily until today, the collegiate championships draw 65,000 fans a game.

Perhaps the highlight of collegiate baseball here occurred last year when arch-rivals Keio and Waseda universities found themselves in the battle for the Tokyo 6 Universities Baseball League.

On Nov. 12, Waseda came through to win the finale of an unprecedented sixth playoff game.

When it was all over, fans streamed onto the field amid a heavy shower of confetti, leaving the park most probably with anticipation of 1961 baseball action.

An American teacher, Willson Horace, brought baseball to Kaisen School back in 1871.

Since then, the game has survived such things as dominance by a high school team, a break in athletic relations between Keio and Waseda and a World War.

Today, the Keio-Waseda com-

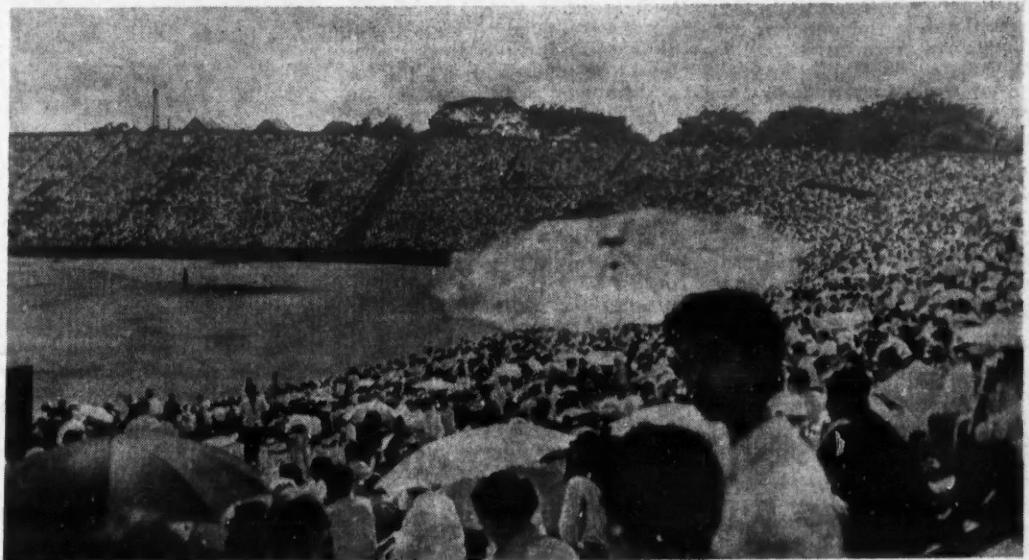
petition, popularly called So-Kei-Sen, is safely compared to the Cambridge-Oxford boat race and the Rose Bowl football game in national popularity.

The introduction of the game by school teacher Horace was followed up 5 years later by the return of a Japanese student from the United States.

Ki Hiraoka organized gangs of students into several real baseball teams and is also remembered as the first Japanese pitcher who ever threw a curve in a game.

The sport then gradually began to be known to outside people. This trend was precipitated by the development of Kaisen School into Tokyo University in 1878 with more students enrolled and initiated to the sport.

In 1886, Tokyo University was



This is Meiji Shrine Stadium, filled to the brim with 65,000 fans, during the 1960 Japanese collegiate baseball championships.

reorganized into 2 separate schools. One was Tokyo Imperial University for advanced studies and the other was Daiichi High School for the college preparatory course.

With the reorganization of the school, baseball, then popular

with younger groups of the old Tokyo University, naturally became the school sport of the Daiichi High School.

Daiichi was far above any other team and was literally leading the baseball world of Japan. It

enjoyed undefeated records for 18 years until 1904 when it was beaten by newly arisen Keio and Waseda teams. It was then the 2 leading private universities, Keio and Waseda, began to tread

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The Game Is Over: Victory For Waseda

District 6 Roundup**Same Teams Rated High In 1961**

**Texas, Arizona,
ASU Seek Series**

By JOE HEILING

AUSTIN, Tex.—A trio of perennial baseball toughies — Texas, Arizona and Arizona State University — should battle it out for the District 6 championship and a trip to the World Series.

Business won't be slowing down any in 1961 for the baseball tycoons of the Southwest Conference—Texas and Coach Bibb Falk.

A stout nucleus from the 1960 title club, which roared to a 21-2 record before Houston ousted the Longhorns from the NCAA running, is available.

But ready to turn their hands at a little claim jumping are Rice and Baylor.

Arizona, under Frank Sancet, and ASU, guided by Bobby Winkles, will probably battle it out for an expected at-large spot in the district playoffs.

Elsewhere in District 6, Houston, Sam Houston State and Texas Lutheran College appear ready to put up a strong front again.

On the basis of 3 SWC crowns in the last 4 years and 8 ex-

perienced returnees, Texas again is the team to beat.

Falk, the wise ole Longhorn coach, isn't without his worries. He must solve them if his club is to repeat in 1961.

Foremost, is replacement of his All-Southwest Conference outfield of Jay Arnette, Wayne McDonald and Roy Menge. All graduated and followed the pro trail.

Texas' pitching is in fine fettle with Bobby Callaway and Tom Belcher, both 7-1 as sophs, answering roll call.

Three-fourths of the Texas infield is intact with Lew Brazelton, Pat Rigby and David Skinner around. However, the jobs in the outfield are up for grabs among Sam Rosson, Justin Wakeland and sophs Chuck Knutson and Dick Loughridge.

Gary London moves up from the freshmen, where he whacked .417, to challenge John Pinckney and David Kristinik for the catching job.

Rice Coach Dell Morgan lost only 3 boys from the team that tied Baylor for second place in the final conference standings. But 2 were pitchers who departed with a total of 9 wins between them.

Millikin Eyes Improvement

DECATUR, Ill. — An improvement over last year's 10-8 record may be in the offing for Charles Ross' Millikin University baseballers.

Ross lost only 2 regulars from his 1960 team and has veterans returning at all positions.

Among the leading players are First baseman Larry Rule, who hit .492 and had 17 doubles among his 31 hits; Shortstop Ron Smith, who posted a .365 average; and Centerfielder Jerry Domescik, who had a .348 mark.

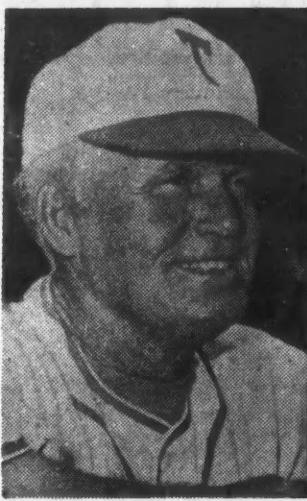
Pitching appears the only possible weak spot. Senior Tony Lents leads the staff. He had a 4-1 mark last year. Ryan Jorstad, 2-0, is also counted on.

The schedule:

March 30-31 — Carson-Newman, there.

April 1—Eastern Ky., there. 3—Navy Pier (2), here. 4—Illinois College (2), here. 15—Carthage (2), there. 22—Augustana (2), here. 25—Illinois Wesleyan, here. 29—Carroll (2), there.

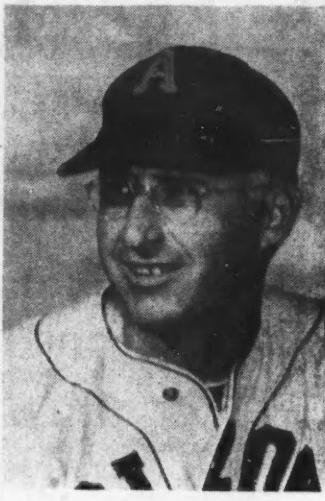
May 6—Lake Forest (2), here. 10—Illinois Wesleyan, there. 13—MacMurray, there. 15—Quincy, here. 20—North Central (2), here.



BIBB FALK
Longhorn Foreman



BOBBY WINKLES
Sun Devil Boss



FRANK SANSET
Wildcat Pilot

The Owls figure to make it tough on Texas all the way, thanks to Pitchers Paul Timme, Weldon McFarland and Bill Donaldson and the bat artistry of Richard Kristinik, Bobby Lively and Butch Blume.

Kristinik hit .367 over the season but failed to defend his conference bat title. Instead Lively, an outfielder, challenged with his .412 average and didn't lose out until the final game.

Baylor, a team bent along the speed line, makes its bid with 2 all-conference performers, Second baseman Jerry Funk and chunky righthander Bobby Barron.

Funk collected the fourth best average in the SWC, .377, while turning the big plays afield for the Bears. Bear Coach Lloyd Wright also welcomes back hard-hitting First baseman Byron Willis and puts on display a top third base prospect in sophomore footballer Bob Goodwin.

Barnett posted a conference mark of 5-2 and heads a promising pitching staff of Lefty Jack Ward, Jim Daniel and Tom Pettigrew. The speed-bent Bear outfield of Tom Letbetter, Arthur Fuentes and Ted Uhlender is on hand again.

Texas A&M bears the label of most improved team. Coach Tom Chandler is hopeful of rising nearer the top with a flock of promising additions.

Foremost is Pitcher Eddie Singley, a righthander who could give the Aggies a lift where it is most needed. Singley marked up a 4-1 freshman mark which included a perfect game against the Baylor Cubs when he retired 27 men in a row.

Outfielder Byron Barber, who won or tied for the home run crown the past 2 seasons, pro-

vides the power along with First baseman Dick Hickerson and Catcher Randy Wertham.

TCU owns the conference batting champ in Catcher Doug Moore, a .450 wallop in 20 games. Rabbit McDowell also claims good batsmiths in Third baseman Leon Baze and Outfielder Buddy Iles.

Help is needed everywhere else, including the mound where Don Schmidt and Phil Reynolds lead the way despite limited experience.

SMU returns a fine trio in Outfielder Glynn Gregory, the footballer who dipped to a .295 season mark, Shortstop David Thornton and Outfielder Don Jansen.

If Harold Morgan regains his eligibility, he'll be the only pitcher of note on the Mustang staff.

Sam Houston State, coached by Roy Benge, flexes its muscles on the mound with Richard Dyer, Ken Makowski and Alton Arnold, a lefty who blanked Texas A&M last year as a freshman.

Outfielder Joe Haney is the cream of the crop elsewhere, hitting with power for a .315 average.

Texas Lutheran College is bent on becoming more proficient as the season wears on. The Bulldogs, who swept a 3-game set with Houston in 1960, tout Outfielder Roger Wilke, .338, and Pitcher Gary Wilson.

TLC has high hopes for newcomers, Infielder Kenny Voges, transfers Third baseman Dick Ober and Outfielder Ernie Druebert.

Arkansas and Texas Tech do not compete in the Southwest Conference. Arkansas rolled up a 14-9 record in '60 and produced triple team batting champs.

First baseman Pat Foster, Shortstop Jerry Carlton and Catcher Joe Nosari each hit .341. Foster, a basketballer, rapped 5 homers and accounted for 32 RBI.

The Razorbacks are due to lose their most famous player. All-America Halfback Lance Alworth plans on passing up the sport in favor of track, but the Williams twins, Darrell and Jarrell, return.

Arizona's Wildcats return a pair of All-Americans in their

quest for another try at the collegiate championship.

Second baseman Chuck Shoemaker (.370) and Outfielder Bill Barraclough (.351) should lead the team. Shoemaker was an All-American and Barraclough was on the third squad.

Top pitcher coming back is Gordon Bergthold (7-1 and 1.66), but he'll get big help from Noel Rudd, No. 2 hurler for Phoenix College's junior college champions last year, and several promising sophomores.

Other veteran hurlers back include Mark Clarke (4-2), Marv Dutt (5-2) and Miles Zeller (3-2).

Up at Tempe, Coach Winkles expects "a lot stronger pitching" and an improved defense.

Returning moundsmen include right-hander Roger Barnson, who was 9-2 with a 1.99 ERA a year ago. His only losses were to California, 1-0, and Arizona, 6-2, and both were on unearned runs. At one stage, he hurled 33 consecutive scoreless innings.

Other pitchers back are right-hander Mike Tatum, who posted a 9-3 mark as a sophomore, and Bob Kavjian, who came up with a sore arm and saw limited action in winning 3 and losing 2.

Fresno State Facing 37-Game Schedule

FRESNO, Calif.—Coach Pete Beiden's Fresno State Bulldogs have lined up a 37-game schedule for the 1961 season. In addition, the team will compete in the annual San Diego Marine Corps Recruit Depot tournament.

The schedule:

Feb. 26—California, there.
March 4—Pepperdine (2), there. 7—San Jose State (2), there. 10—San Fernando Valley, there. 11—San Fernando Valley (2), there. 14—Sacramento State (2), here. 17—UCLA, here. 20-21—Oregon State, here. 24-25—California, here. 27-30—Marine tourney at San Diego. 31—Notre Dame, here.

April 1—Notre Dame, here. 7-8—Cal Poly of SLO (2 on 8th), here. 11—Sacramento State (2), there. 14-15—Arizona (2 on 15th), there. 21-22—Los Angeles State (2 on 22nd), here. 28-29—UC of Santa Barbara (2 on 29th), there.

May 5-6—Long Beach State (2 on 5th), here. 12-13—San Diego State, there.



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Co-Champ Citadel Rated Pre-Season Favorite In SC

By STEVE GUBACK

CHARLESTON, S. C.—The Citadel has a new coach, a veteran team and the favorite's role in the Southern Conference's upcoming pennant race. In other words, the Bulldogs are expected to have quite a bite.

Last year, the club finished as co-champion with Richmond and, as they put it, was fit to be tied.

All The Citadel needed to capture its first SC baseball title ever was to sweep an end-of-the-season pair from eighth-place Davidson. But the Bulldogs split, blowing a 7-1 lead in a game they lost by 1 run. To make matters worse, the tying and winning runs crossed on errors. With the pressure on, The Citadel then won the nightcap, 14-8.

Because Richmond had 3 key players ineligible under the NCAA's 4-year rule, The Citadel was selected to represent the conference in the national playoffs. The Charleston cadets won their first-round skirmish, but then were eliminated with consecutive losses to North Carolina and Florida. The overall record: 18-6.

Jim Newsome, a young square-faced assistant, advances this year to succeed coach Mark Erwin, who moves over to conference rival Furman. Newsome inherits 12 lettermen, including a 5-11 right-handed senior pitcher named Dick Almes, from Lindenhurst, N.Y., who is easily the Vernon Law of this league.

At one time, until that loss to Davidson, Almes had a streak of

17 consecutive victories. He won his last 10 games of the '59 season, tacked on 7 more at the start of '60 and finished the regular-season campaign with a dazzling 1.77 earned run average. He'll collaborate with Dick Jones, an outfielder-first baseman, as co-captain of this year's squad.

Jones, a senior from Columbus, Ohio, also is quite a remarkable athlete. He started the season as a centerfielder, but moved to first base and came with such a rush that he was named all-league first sacker. He hit a robust .367 and socked a league-high 7 home runs. All of this after finishing a grueling basketball season in which he was the playmaker and No. 3 scorer on the club.

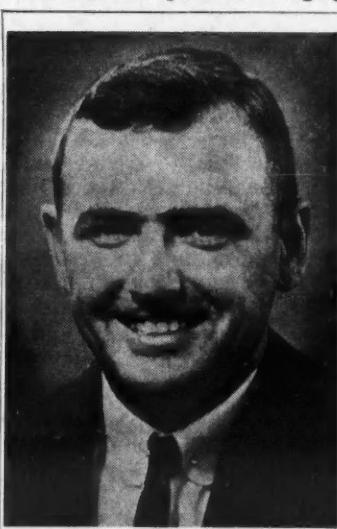
Newsome, who did his collegiate playing at Lenoir Rhyne, is enough of a realist to know that on paper his club shapes up as the title favorite. But he pulls back the reins and shouts "Whoa" to runaway enthusiasm. "Grades, injuries and other interests," he says, "could make shambles of our on-paper batting order before the first ball is thrown."

Nevertheless, The Citadel appears to have suffered less from graduation than any club in the league with the possible exception of Furman, which could stage a hardy rassle after finishing 15-9 a year ago. Co-champion Richmond loses heavily — top pitcher-hitter Berry Swilling (6-0 on the mound, .465 at bat), plus all-conference Shortstop Alan Cole and all-league Catcher Chuck Boone.

West Virginia, tied for third a year ago, also will have king-sized problems trying to replace Paul Popovich (.426), who signed a \$42,000 bonus with the pros, and league earned-run leader Jim Carter (1.07). The rest of the clubs appear to have too much ground to make up, although the first sight of prize sophomores may cause sudden revisions.

The early calls going to The Citadel are based, of course, on Almes and Jones, plus a lineup that could be set at all but 1 position. Royce Toni (.364) is due back as catcher. The infield could shape up with Jones at first, Bucky Sharpe (.387) at second and Bill Whaley (.346) at short. The third base job is open.

In the outfield, the Cadets will have the league's leading hitter, Henry Mura (.452) in left, Jerry Buchanan (.214) in center and Marshall McRee (.412) in right.



ELTON JACKSON
New Maryland Coach

H. B. Shipley Retires After 37 Seasons

COLLEGE PARK, Md.—After 37 years with the University of Maryland, H. Burton Shipley has retired and turned over baseball coaching chores to Elton Stanley Jackson.

Jackson, a Maryland graduate, has been associated with baseball here since 1955.

As an undergraduate, he assisted Shipley and in 1957 coached the Maryland frosh. After graduation in 1958, he began work on a masters degree and continued as an assistant baseball coach.

Jackson, a native of Baltimore, attended Patterson Park High School and upon graduation he signed for a bonus with the Philadelphia Athletics as a shortstop.

He remained in the Athletics farm system until 1952 when he entered the Army. While playing professional ball, Jackson made the Tobacco State League All-Star team in his first year. In 1949 he led the Central Assn. League shortstops in fielding and in 1950, while with Fayetteville in the Carolina League, tied the league record for assists by a shortstop in a single game.

While in the Army Jackson served in Korea and was discharged in November 1953. He entered Maryland in 1954.

By BLAINE G. DAVIS
ORONO, Me.—Among 9 returning lettermen greeted February 6 by University of Maine Coach Jack Butterfield was senior Centerfielder Ray Weed, who this season is expected to control the pennant pulse in Maine's bid for Yankee Conference and State Series flags.

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But Weed had definite goals in mind when he entered Maine's College of Education in 1957, unannounced and less the fanfare accorded athletes from larger high schools. It was in keeping with his reserved yet openly warm personality.

Maine's freshman schedule amounted to somewhere around 10 games. Weed rapped the ball near the .500 mark and re-wrote the record book as the team went undefeated.

Germany Beckons Buck

PULLMAN, Wash.—Washington State University Coach Arthur B. (Buck) Bailey leaves Sunday for Germany on a special baseball assignment.

He has accepted an invitation from the Army to conduct a baseball clinic for coaches in Europe during February and March.

Bailey, who is starting his 34th baseball season at Washington State, was asked to conduct the clinics by the commander-in-chief of the U.S. Army in Europe.

The veteran coach will return to the WSU campus in mid-March.

Maine Clubs Expand Baseball Schedules

BANGOR, Me.—The accent will be on an expanded schedule when the Maine intercollegiate baseball season opens April 25 with Colby at Bowdoin and Maine at Bates.

For the first time in its history, member teams will be playing scheduled doubleheaders, extending to 9 the number of games slated for Maine's 4 major colleges in State Series competition.

Albert Antinelli Takes Coaching Job At Hobart

GENEVA, N. Y.—Albert A. Antinelli, a Boston Red Sox farm player, has been named baseball coach at Hobart College.

Antinelli, who doubles as basketball mentor, played varsity basketball at Colgate as a freshman, but signed with the Red Sox after his first year.

Since then, he has played professional baseball every summer, except during a 2-year stint with the Army.

He graduated from Colgate in January, 1958, after attending school in fall semesters every year.

Hobart's schedule:

April 19—LeMoyne, there. 21—Union, here. 22—Hamilton, here. 25—Rochester, there. 29—RPI, here.
May 3—Syracuse, there. 6—Canisius, here. 9—Colgate, here. 11—St. Lawrence, here. 13—Hamilton, there. 16—Rochester, here. 18—Clarkson, here.

Corder To Coach Southern Union

WADLEY, Ala.—Howard L. Corder, is the new athletic director and baseball coach of Southern Union College.

Corder, a graduate of Wayne County High School, attended Cumberland Junior College. He holds both a bachelors and masters degrees from the University of Kentucky.

Before coming to Southern Union, Corder held coaching positions in the Henry County and London city school systems of Kentucky, where his teams won honors in basketball and baseball.

Maine State Series schedule:

April 25—Colby at Bowdoin, Maine at Bates. 28—Bates at Colby. May 3—Bates at Bowdoin (2). 4—Maine at Colby. 6—Bowdoin at Maine (2). 8—Bates at Maine (2). 9—Bowdoin at Colby (2). 11—Colby at Bates (2). 13—Colby at Maine (2). 16—Bowdoin at Bates. 17—Maine at Bowdoin.
(By B. G. D.)

Hard-Hitting Weed Controls Maine Pennant Pulse

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Maine tied for both the Yankee and State lids in 1960 but Connecticut was chosen to represent the YC over Maine in the District 1 playoffs.

Weed was nominated with 3 others from the district for the NCAA All-America team.

Weed batted .324 last summer for Mitchell, S.D., of the Basin

League where he led the team in 4 departments.

Ray scored 56 runs, hit 14 doubles, 2 triples and stole 5 bases to pace Mitchell. His 9 home runs placed him just behind the team leader.

This season Maine will play a record 27 games. If the 170-pounder leads the team's hitters, he will become the second in Maine's 76-year baseball history to turn the trick 3 times.

"Ray definitely has a baseball future," says Coach Butterfield. "Ray will continue to improve. His hitting and wonderful attitude are his greatest assets."

Weed, who hits equally well in the academic league, has accumulated a 3.4 scholastic average (4.0 is the best) at Maine. He has been on the Dean's List every semester and was recently elected to Kappa Delta Pi, a select Education College honorary society.

"Weed handles the problems he encounters well in all areas," Maine Athletic Director Rome Rankin says. "He's bound to make good at whatever he does."

Hurlers May Set Pace In Southern Conference

RICHMOND, Va.—To get on the hit parade, Southern Conference batters are likely to have to do some snappy swinging this season. All indications point to a pitcher's league.

Four of the top 5 hurlers in won-lost percentages return—ready, willing and presumably able to fire that fast one past the swinging bats again.

The only top-echelon hurler graduated was Richmond's Berry Swilling, who posted a 6-0 mark last year, the circuit's only undefeated slate. Even the hurlers may be glad to see Swilling depart, since he hit a robust .465 last go-round.

Next in order among the pitchers were The Citadel's Dick Almes (7-1), Furman's Doug Turner (6-1), West Virginia's Gary Saunders (5-1) and Richmond's Charlie Revere (7-2). They're all back and that combined 25-5 mark indicates class with a capital C. All 4 are right-handers, a factor that's likely to send the right-handed batters into quick switch-swinging experiments.

Almes, the slim curve-baller from Lindenhurst, N.Y., is one of the most talked about hurlers in the SC in years. He had a 2-season streak of 17 consecutive victories until beaten on a pair of unearned runs in The Citadel's regular-season windup. He tied for the league strikeout lead with 87 in 71 innings.

Revere, a muscular 6-footer from Middlesex, Va., made the all-conference first team with Almes. In his first test 3 years ago as a freshman, Revere blanked Virginia. He has been a starter ever since, compiling an overall 16-4 record while following in the tradition of former outstanding Spider moundsmen like major leaguers Porter Vaughan, Herb Hash, Bucky Jacobs and, more recently, Lew Burdette.

Turner and Saunders were bright surprises last year. A transfer from North Greenville Junior College, Turner lost his first start, 15-10, then settled down to become Furman's most consistent pitcher. The bespectacled curve-baller permitted only 15 earned runs in 64 1/3 innings.

Saunders, a 6-footer from Charleston, W. Va., came on last season as an unheralded sophomore. He split duty between the infield and relief pitching and built his 5-1 record on only 32 2/3 innings of work. His earned run average was a neat 2.73.

Beyond these 4, there's further evidence that hitters won't be having a ball this spring in the SC. West Virginia's Tom Shafer, another right-hander, posted a fine 1.89 ERA in his sophomore season. George Washington still has its pint-sized (5-7) lefty Dennis Hill, who slipped to a 4-3 record last year, but showed his potentialities with a 12-1 overall mark the 2 preceding campaigns. And VMI, for instance, which won only 6 games last season still has 6-4 Joe Gedro, who won 4 of them. (By S.G.)

Editorial Comment**Great Market In College Baseball**

The sport of collegiate baseball has mushroomed with such rapidity that even those closely connected with the game have failed to realize its important vital statistics.

Because of the surprising growth since World War II, collegiate baseball today offers a greater purchasing market for equipment than professional baseball which has seen the number of pro teams dwindle under 150.

Here are some of the more interesting statistics concerning collegiate baseball which stress its growing importance:

—This spring there will be more than 1,800 varsity, freshman and junior college baseball teams in action.

—There will be more than 30,000 players on collegiate diamonds from coast-to-coast.

—Varsity teams will play an estimated 15,400 games in 1961 and other collegiate teams will play an estimated 7,500 more. The average

number of games for a varsity team in 1961 will be 22 games, although some western and southern teams have scheduled close to 50 games.

And all of these statistics will be expanded year by year as collegiate baseball continues to grow. Fall baseball in some areas of the nation already has stretched the length of the playing season.

And there is serious consideration being given to the playing of summer baseball in colleges across the nation. The Big 10 is looking into the possibility of summer schedules for as early as 1962.

When summer baseball goes through schedules most likely will be expanded to 50 or 60 games.

The sport of collegiate baseball, although more than 100 years old, is still having growing pains. But they are very pleasant ones.

The Press Box**Summer Schedules Next Step**

By ABE CHANIN

Collegiate Baseball Editor

ONE OF THE most important milestones for college baseball will come when the game adopts summer playing schedules.

Today the average number of games played in college is 22; if summer baseball is added it is very likely schedules of between 50 and 60 games will be played a season by collegians.

The Big 10 already has voted to look into the probability of summer baseball in 1962. In New England where spring weather often piles diamonds high with snow, the Universities of Connecticut and Massachusetts are talking about summer baseball.

If summer ball should catch on in the Big 10 and in New England, you can look for it to spread across the country with amazing rapidity.

IS THERE a good basis for playing summer baseball?

The most important basis is that over-crowded schools are now talking about extending the school calendar through the entire year. If this is done — and the move toward 3 or 4 semesters spaced throughout the year is on the way — there will be a need for a summer intercollegiate athletic program.

The natural is baseball.

Furthermore college baseball can fill a recreational and entertainment void in many cities across the nation which now have empty baseball parks — parks left empty when minor league baseball folded.

WHEN SUMMER BASEBALL comes, the sport will get a tremendous shot in the arm. It will find great support from sports fans. College baseball coaches will find they are more highly valued by players, fans and by the pros who will realize their great potential as teachers of the game.

Correspondent's Corner**Pro Dough College Bound?**

(Editor's Note: Harold Keith, Oklahoma sports publicist, sent along a recent piece from E. M. Barker's Sports Spasms column in the Alva, Okla., Review-Courier. COLLEGIATE BASEBALL liked what it read and has taken the liberty of reproducing part of it.)

By E. M. BARKER

There is an old saw that it is the darkest just before dawn and we can see a gleam of light across the waves in this land of Oh Say. And another one of our predictions seems to be in the offing.

Major league dollars are going to start pouring into our college campuses and we will predict that in a few years that there will be scholarships that do not involve sweeping out the president's office with a whisk broom.

As we viewed the National semi-pro tournament at Wichita in company with one of our favorite old pros, Freddie Crawford of baseball and tennis fame, he remarked:

"Bark did you notice that practically all of these boys out there besides some fading pros like myself are right off the college campus?"

"That means that with the minors on the way out major leagues are going to have to

The College World Series, one of the nation's truly fine sports events, would be the climax of the lengthened summer program and might be played late in August. We look forward to the day when the College World Series will draw more than 50,000 fans a day.

The time for planning for summer baseball is now and collegiate coaches are taking the lead. How do you feel about summer baseball in your area?

WE'D LIKE to express in print our admiration of the press of Pittsburgh for the magnificent coverage of the American Assn. of College Baseball Coaches convention.

Not only did the Pittsburgh writers give the convention top coverage, they wrote with a deep understanding of the problems of collegiate baseball.

From the way they handled the convention coverage, we can understand how the Pittsburgh writers helped in the building of a world championship Pittsburgh Pirate team. We're sure their inspired writing had a great deal to do with the fiery play of the Buccaneers.

CROSS-COUNTRY scheduling is becoming more and more popular with college baseball.

For many years northern and midwestern teams have gone into the southland on "spring training trips." And in recent years, more and more midwestern teams have scheduled western trips into Arizona.

This year, Notre Dame is making a swing through California and Arizona. Marse Jake Kline and his Irish baseballers will be doing a great service to college baseball. Some newspapers which ignore college baseball will have to give the Irish series extra coverage. And when some of the biased editors see the quality of ball played by collegiate teams, they'll become converts.

We hope the Notre Dame tour will be followed by more cross-country barnstorming. It will prove a boon to the sport.

have to do something in a very material financial way to keep baseball alive in colleges. College athletes have always been at a premium. Look at the Pittsburgh Pirates, a team with a typical academic flavor with the old college try upsetting old pro strategy every day.

"Now it would be much cheaper for the majors to move directly to the college campuses where there is no grandstand to maintain, no organization personnel to eat up the profits and no outrageous salaries to pay."

"The money could be channelled right into scholarships with the NCAA relenting to make the deal practicable," said Freddie taking the words right out of our big mouth.

... Help is on the way and college baseball instead of becoming the major money losing sport is destined to become the saviour of the great national pastime with the college campus as the springing board.

... Did you know there are almost 3 times as many college baseball teams as there were 5 years ago and it follows that if a college does not have an attractive baseball program with the proper facilities that a lot of athletes are going to be lured elsewhere?

Will They Ever Hang A Baseball Coach In Effigy?

By J. F. McKALE

Second Base Coach

WE HOPE to see the day when a few of the following events occur:

That the time will come when college baseball becomes of such a serious concern to the students that the coach will be hanged in effigy.

That entrance requirements at his institution are less strict and that his players have an easier time with the faculty.

Who will claim when defeated by his principal rival that the latter isn't ankle deep in gravy, or that the other college doesn't have better material.

A coach who will eliminate from his vocabulary, "You gotta have the horses".

That the other team has better hitters, while his batters start to swing when they leave the clubhouse.

That the other fellows have some natural hitters who don't need to be taught anything. His hitters are all triple-threat-lefthanded, righthanded and seldom.

A college coach will admit that he has more jobs available for athletes and as many scholarships as his opponents.

That baseball players will stop saying, "I thought."

That pitchers will learn to bunt.

That amateur base runners will realize the third out in an inning should never be made at third base.

That the "Pros" adopt the same rules used by professional basketball and football as to the signing of college kids.

We can't remember a major change in baseball rules since they made a foul ball a strike back about 1904. Baseball is the most conservative of all sports. President Dewey Soriano of the Pacific Coast League proposed to the professionals that it would be a fine idea to use a pinch hitter for a pitcher and still keep the pitcher in the game. The proxy is standing alone.

Quite a storm was raised when President Wrigley of the Cubs decided to run his club with 8 coaches instead of a manager. (The 8 will shoot craps to see who gets Ernie Banks.) We haven't heard of many except Mr. Wrigley who think this innovation will work. Well, we never heard of 2 major clubs trading managers until last year. We are glad to see something new tried occasionally. Mr. Wrigley is spending his own money.

The "Bigs" had a great season in 1960. The minors experienced a stinkeroo. Next season we will see the Miami Marlins go to San Juan, and the Sacramento Solons wearing grass skirts in Hawaii. Everyone hopes these water jumps will work.

The Readers Speak**EDITOR:**

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American Teacher Brought Sport To Japan In 1871

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the long way of leading Japanese college baseball.

Being challenged by the undefeated record of the Daichi High School, Keio University, the oldest school in Japan, organized a baseball club in 1893. In 1901, Keio finally defeated the Yokohama Foreigners' Club. This victory was Keio's debut, but it had to wait until 1904 to fulfill the prime objective of defeating Daichi.

Meanwhile, Waseda University organized a team in 1901. In due course the 2 universities hit upon the idea of having an annual game so baseball stirred more interest among the public.

Thus, in the autumn of 1903, the first match of Keio-Waseda Big Game was fought on Keio University's home ground (old records tell us that the game attracted an unprecedented number of spectators—which was not more than 300.)

The Keio-Waseda game soon became the center of attention of baseball fans throughout Japan.

In 1906, the Big Game was opened under an unusually excited atmosphere. Keio took the first game, 2-1, but the game count was brought into tie with a Keio victory in the second game. The atmosphere became so threatening that authorities had to suspend the third game until the excited rivalry cooled down.

This action was first taken as a temporary measure and no one imagined then that the series had to be suspended for as long as 19 years.

Meantime, the 2 universities devoted themselves to learning new rules and techniques of the sport by visiting America or by inviting American college teams to

Japan. The first step of this international project was taken by Waseda University when it visited the U.S. in 1905. Though it obtained only 7 wins in 26 games, Waseda brought back home new equipment such as spiked shoes and gloves.

New techniques such as the winding-up before pitching was also introduced in Japan on their return. In 1908, Waseda invited Washington University to Japan.

The visit of the Washington University team set a fire to the interests of the Japanese people in the baseball. In 1909, Keio invited Wisconsin University team for 4 games. The second game between Keio and Wisconsin was dragged into the 19th inning. Keio took it, 2-1. It was the first extra-inning game ever played in this country.

In 1910, Chicago University came to Japan under the invitation of Waseda. Chicago was invited after that every fifth year until 1930, altogether 5 times.

In 1911, Keio visited America to challenge the colleges in the west coast. Along with new techniques, Keio also brought back home the way students cheer their team with college songs or yellings.

The visits of American college teams to Japan were continued until 1935 when Yale came over.

The teams: Stanford University (1913), Washington University (1913), California (1921), Indiana (1922), Stanford (1926), USC (1928).

It might be safe to conclude that through the games with the visiting American college teams, baseball in Japan began to take its final shape.

While Keio and Waseda were brushing up their baseball

through games with American colleges or with other Japanese schools which challenged them, there were several other private universities looking for the moment to defeat Keio or Waseda. Meiji University was the first one to come abreast with Keio and Waseda.

In 1914, the 3 universities, Keio, Waseda and Meiji, organized the Tokyo 3 Universities League. However, the game schedule was a sort of a strange arrangement because Keio and Waseda were not supposed to have a match between them.

This 3 Universities League headed baseball in Japan until it grew into Tokyo 4 Universities League in 1917 with the participation of Hosei University. The peculiar arrangement between Keio and Waseda was still continued.

Even when the league developed into Tokyo 5 Universities League in 1921 with the new member of St. Paul Mission College, Keio and Waseda did not resume the traditional Big Game despite eager requests.

In 1925, Tokyo Imperial University joined the league.

The Tokyo 3 Universities League was the first to charge the entrance fare to the spectators. This means that by the year 1914, the college baseball games had become popular enough to run on a commercial basis to finance themselves. According to records, each game attracted a capacity crowd (approximately 3,000 to 4,000) and all the major newspapers carried detailed articles of the game on the following day.

With the foundation of Tokyo 6 University League, the tradi-



A Waseda player makes a futile try to score during this action in the 1960 Japanese collegiate championships.

tional Keio-Waseda Big Game was resumed.

In 1926, the mecca of the Japanese college baseball, Meiji Shrine Stadium with 65,000 capacity, was completed.

From 1926 to 1939 just before the war broke out, Japan had seen the ever rising popularity of baseball. All the boys' middle schools in Japan were aiming at the championship sponsored by the Asahi News Paper Co.

Meantime, the professional teams, though greatly overshadowed by the popularity of college baseball, were slowly increasing the number of spectators. However, with the outbreak of the war baseball was given all kinds of pressures to die out since it was regarded as the enemy's favorite sport.

In 1945, the war ended. The Tokyo 6 Universities League resumed play in 1946 when all

Japan was literally starving. It should be noted, however, that the resurrection of the traditional college baseball games really helped the people restore the faith and hope for postwar Japan.

Today, we have 2 professional leagues, Central and Pacific, composed of 6 teams each.

Besides Tokyo 6 Universities League, there are 2 other similar leagues consisting of 6 or 7 universities in Tokyo and Kyoto area.

About 400 colleges throughout Japan have baseball teams.

No one would doubt that baseball in Japan occupies the position of football and baseball put together in the U. S.

The history of Japanese college baseball is itself the history of Japanese baseball. And the history of Keio-Waseda Game is the history of the Japanese college baseball.

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ACC Again Expects Tight Race

Duke, N.C. State Tabbed As Best

By GRADY ELMORE

RALEIGH, N. C. — For the past 3 seasons the Atlantic Coast Conference baseball race has been as close as any National League pennant chase.

Last year North Carolina edged Duke for the title on the last day of the campaign and in 14 innings, 6-3. The 2 previous springs, Clemson survived 3 and 2-way playoffs for the honors after regular-season ties for first place.

More of the same is the forecast for 1961.

The coach of the defending champions, Walter Rabb, the new president of the American Assn. of College Baseball Coaches, recalling the closeness of the competition the past few years, predicts: "It looks like it will be the same thing this year."

"Personally I favor Duke and State because of their depth of experienced pitching," the Carolina coach says. "I don't know but what Wake Forest might win it, though."

Carolina's chances of repeating? "Our baseball club lost heavily (graduations)," Raab points out.

Clemson, 2-time champ, nosed out late last year, the first time in Bill Wilhelm's 3 years as coach, probably will be a contender again, too.

Maryland, South Carolina and Virginia aren't rated at the top in the pre-season speculation, but 1 or more of the 3 might surprise.

La Verne Can Only Improve

8 Starters Return, Recall 3-25 Record

By JERRY MILES

LA VERNE, Calif. — When a team finishes a season with a 3-25 record there's almost only one place to go the next year—and that's up.

La Verne College Coach Ben Hines and his baseballers plan to do just that, as more than 30 players turned out for the Leopards' opening practice.

Hines, who's in his second season as head coach, has 8 starters back, but he claims "no positions are taken."

"Every spot is up for grabs," Hines reports. "We're looking forward to an improved season because of experience and the addition of several outstanding newcomers."

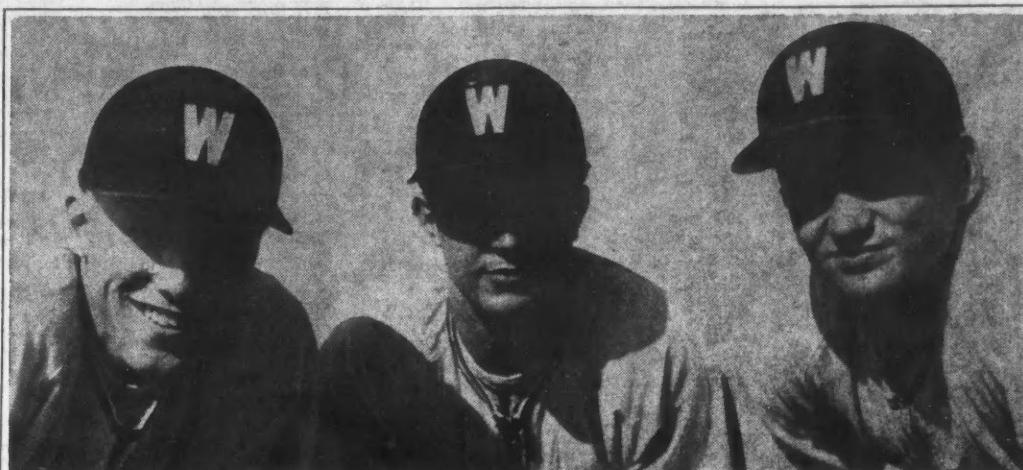
The returnees include 3 .300-plus hitters—Infielders Bill McIntire (.337) and Leroy Brubaker (.319) and Outfielder Al Rouse (.312).

Other lettermen are Pitcher Jim Farris; Catcher Mike Henzie; Infielders John Anastasia, Tony Escandon, Phil Escandon, Bobby Dyer and Jack Rouse.

Top newcomers are Pitchers Artie Keough, who'll also play in the outfield, Rich Riley, Dave Hite and Russ Smith; Infielders Clay Madden, John Van Manan; Outfielders Steve Brubaker and Clyde Smith; and Catcher Jim Saladino.

"If our pitching comes through, then we should do all right," Hines said. The Leopards kickoff the '61 season against Citrus Junior College on Monday.

The '61 season will find La Verne competing in the newly established Independent College Baseball Assn. Other members of the new league include Pasadena, Cal Western, Biola and Chapman.



This veteran Wake Forest outfield could lead the Deacons to the 1961 Atlantic Coast conference title. From left are Jay Franklin (.306), the loop's top hitter 2 years ago, Jerry Goodman (.227) and Paul Wilner (.338). Wilner may be switched to first base.

Duke is expected to be improved over last year when Ace Parker's lineup usually consisted of 7 sophomores, 1 junior and 1 senior. Thirteen lettermen return.

Don Altman's strong right arm

again is counted upon heavily. Altman, the football quarterback who pitched Duke to a 7-6 Cotton Bowl victory over Arkansas, had an 8-2 record last year. He compiled an 0.82 earned run average—ranking among the leaders in the nation in that department.

Back in the Blue Devil infield are Dean McCracken at first, Garry Miller at second, and Lynn Fader at shortstop.

The Duke outfield of last year is intact: Rex McKinley in left, Jack Mullen, an ace guard in basketball, in center, and Bob Rankin in right. Both top catchers, Art Browning and Dixon Owens, also are on hand again.

State's strength is concentrated about 2 fine hurlers, Joel Gibson and Wilson Carruthers, both seniors; and such other veterans as Catcher Edgar Ray Perry, Shortstop Wayne Edwards and Third baseman Vernon Strickland.

Vic Sorrell's Wolfpack may match Duke's quarterback Altman with a grid star at first base, if State's talented Roman Gabriel—the ACC's football player of the year—can find time to play, between spring football practice, studies and his family life.

Wake Forest has experienced pitching in righthanders Bob Plemmons—workhorse of the staff the past 2 years—Don Roth, Jerry Galehouse and Jack Karcher and lefthander Bob Muller. Plemmons had a 7-3 mark as a sophomore and was 6-5 last year.

Coach Jack Stalling, in his second year at the job, also has

Catcher Pat Williams and Outfielders Jay Franklin, Jerry Goodman and Paul Wilner on hand again.

The entire starting infield for the Deacons is gone, but Stalling expects to field a team as strong, at least, as last year's club, which had a 14-7 overall record, 7-7 in conference.

North Carolina is missing 13 lettermen from the 1960 club which compiled a 22-7 record in winning the ACC and District 3 championships before bowing out in the NCAA tournament. But Coach Raab has 10 veterans back.

All 3 of last year's exceptional outfielders graduated, and the top 2 pitchers. The first and second basemen and catcher also graduated, but experienced, capable lettermen are available for those spots.

Slugging Third baseman Ferg Norton, also a talented glove man,

Shortstop Bud Ellerbe and right-handed Hurler Nicky Warren are 3 regulars returning who form the nucleus for Tar Heel hopes. Norton batted .303 last year and was an All-ACC selection.

Another good club probably will develop, but Raab doubts that it will be good enough.

Clemson has lost 5 standout performers, but Bill Wilhelm has 8 lettermen returning: Pitchers Charlie Pasqualini, Jimmy Roller and Dave Sprouse; Catcher Dave Lynn (all-ACC last year); First baseman Sammy Poe; Second baseman Choppy Patterson; and Outfielders Lanny Ryan and Harry Pavlack. An exceptional freshman team is counted upon to supply good help.

Maryland has some fine personnel on hand again and a new head coach, Jack Jackson, to guide them. Sophomore pitchers must come through to make the Terps topnotch contenders.

South Carolina had the hitting last year and isn't expected to be hurting in that department once again, but the club has to improve in the vital pitching department to challenge the leaders consistently.

Virginia's baseball team had a good season a year ago, in comparison to the winless football team and basketball team's 2-12 record at latest tabulation. The Cavaliers won 3 games in 20. A few more wins are anticipated this time, since all lettered pitchers return along with last year's leading hitters—Bill Timberlake (.383) and Pete Limberg (.388). Sophomores hold the key at Virginia, too.

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First Night Game

Scheduled March 14

By GEORGE WATSON

LOS ANGELES — When Los Angeles State College's varsity baseballers kick off their 1961 season early in March they'll be using one of the few night-lighted collegiate diamonds in the nation.

The Diablos' new facility reached completion last fall and since then has been getting an almost maniacal manicure in preparation for this season.

LASC diamond Coach Jim Reeder said that he was sure the new facility was as well equipped and planned as any collegiate park in the nation.

One of but 2 or 3 night-lighted campus baseball layouts in the nation, it will be the site of after-dark contests with UCLA on March 14; USC, March 26; Cal Poly (SLO), April 28; UC, Santa Barbara, May 6; and San Diego State, May 12.

The new layout includes an electrically-operated scoreboard behind the fence in centerfield; one of the best lighting systems outside the major leagues; a backstop 74 feet wide and 40 feet high; and an automatic watering system.

Lights mounted on 8 70-foot steel-tube towers — 4 along the first and third baselines and 4 in the outfield — will provide nearly 70,000 units of illumination. Total cost was about \$62,000.

Home plate is located 40 feet in front of the backstop, which has —in addition to the 40-foot height already mentioned—extensions 20 feet high along the line as far as first and third.

The outfield fence, of chain-link steel construction, will be up 310 feet away from home plate down the left field line, and is 20 feet high at that point. The left centerfield fence drops away to 360, 10 feet from the line.

It will take a 40-foot pole to power the horsehide over the fence in center and 340 down the line in right.

Coach Reeder, whose charges compiled a 30-11 record against the West's toughest collegiate competition, has a 23-game slate set for 1961.

The likeable Diablo diamond boss has 12 men returning from his 1960 club and has veteran Tom Kennedy set to fill in either at third or behind the plate.

The 200-pound Pasadena sat out his transfer from Washington State University last spring and after spending last fall flinging the football as No. 1 quarterback for LA State's varsity, is raring to go. He's already being eyed with envy by a number of pro scouts.

Among the crop of top-notch junior college transfers performing for Reeder are Pitchers Ken Reuter (LA Harbor), Dick Wantz (Cerritos), Larry Teachout (Mt. San Antonio) and Al Petrushkin (Cerritos); Catchers Dan Huen (El Camino); Second baseman Denny Huestead (Bakersfield); First baseman Stan Beard (El Camino); Outfielders Dick Rowe (LA Valley) and Ken Duzich (LA Harbor); and Third baseman Dave Gatlin (LA Harbor).

SCIAC Champs

Reveal Slate

REDLANDS, Calif.—Defending SCIAC champion Redlands University will play a 28-game slate in 1961.

The schedule:

Feb. 28—Riverside CC, there.
March 4—San Diego State, there.
7—LaVerne, there. 8—Pasadena College, here. 11—UCR (2), here. 14—LaVerne, here. 18—Pomona (2), here.
22—CHM, there. 24-25—Westmont, there.

April 4—Pasadena College, there.
8—Whittier, there. 12—Occidental, here. 19—Cal Tech, here. 22—Occidental (2), there. 26—Cal Tech, there.
28—CHM (2), here.

May 3—Pomona, there. 5—San Diego Marines, there. 6—University of San Diego, there. 9—San Diego Marines, here. 12—Whittier (2), here.
16—Cal Tech, there.



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